

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

#21 919103 (N.E)

Application No.:

09/255,352

Applicant:

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For:

IMAGE SEARCHING SYSTEM, IMAGE

SEARCHING METHOD, AND RECORDING

MEDIUM STORING AN IMAGE SEARCHING

PROGRAM

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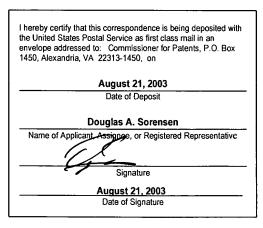
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Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

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Dear Sir:



RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action of April 21, 2003, please amend the aboveidentified application as follows:

A Petition for Extension of Time, to extend the response period for the Office Action, dated April 21, 2003, for one additional month to August 21, 2003, is being filed concurrently.

Application No.: 09/255,352 Response dated August 21, 2003 Reply to Office Action of April 21, 2003

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

An **Attachment** which includes an amended drawing figure is attached following page 14 of this paper.